

ABSTRACT**ZIRCONIA BASED CERAMIC ARTICLE, USE OF SUCH AN ARTICLE
AS A WEAR RESISTANT EXTERIOR PART FOR A WRISTWATCH
AND METHOD FOR OBTAINING SUCH AN ARTICLE**

The invention concerns a zirconia based ceramic article having a core of ZrO_2 and/or partially reduced ZrO_2 , characterised in that it includes, over at least part of its surface, a superficial layer integral with
5 said article, the thickness of said superficial layer including a plurality of regions of which one external region is formed of zirconium carbide having a metallic appearance.

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